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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT : Robert Wham et al.  
TITLE : VESSEL SEALING SYSTEM  
SERIAL NO. : 10/626,390  
FILED : July 24, 2003  
EXAMINER : TBD  
GROUP : ART UNIT 3739

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MAILSTOP: Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 3 of this paper.